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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Enclosure No. 1.

From T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 15th January 1874, No. 6602.

With reference to your endorsement on the enclosed letter from the President of the Local Fund Board, Chingleput District, No. 92, dated 3rd December 1873, I have the honor to state that the repairs to the Elphinstone Bridge, on the estimate sanctioned in G.O., No. 1361, dated 16th June 1862, were executed during the years 1862-63 and 1863-64 by the late District Engineer, Presidency, and the Executive Engineer then in charge of the Southern Range, Presidency, the cost thereof being charged to the Income-tax Fund.

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Total ...	1,948	2	1

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(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
President.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board for the Sydapet Circle, dated 2nd March 1874.

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Read estimate obtained from the District Engineer for repairing Elphinstone Bridge, amounting to Rupees 1,930, and the papers received from Government Office, Public Works Department, connected with the repair of the said bridge.

Resolved that the President be requested to draw the attention of the Madras Municipality to the necessity for the repairs of the Elphinstone Bridge under their control, as it connects Madras with this Circle's roads. They further resolve to bring to the notice of the President of the said Municipality the insufficient way in which the bridge is lighted.

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ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From J. G. COLEMAN, Esq., Officiating President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to Lieut.-Colonel J. GODDARD, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 18th May 1874, Nos. 73—553.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 703, of the 13th May 1874, enclosing copy of a letter received from the President, Local Fund Board, Chingleput, and to inform you that I fail to see the ground upon which that officer states that this Board has undertaken to execute the repairs of the bridge in question, as in this office-letter, No. 488, of the 25th March 1874 (copy of which has already been forwarded to you), my predecessor simply states "that orders have been issued regarding the better lighting of the Elphinstone Bridge, and the attention of the District Engineer, Presidency, drawn to the repairs required."

No. 810.

Copy to the President of the Local Fund Boards of Chingleput District, with reference to his letter, No. 171, dated 23rd April 1874.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20*th May* 1874.

(Signed) J. GODDARD, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
District Engineer, Presidency.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

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From J. C. LOCH, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 19th August 1874, No. 235—1634.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
13th October 1874.

No. 92. ORDER THEREON, 13th October 1874, No. 1727.

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(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission for the Town of Madras.
,, Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. Wright.

Financial Department,

No. 2007-

From Pro: of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 18 Sept. 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

I think the Municipality should keep as they take the Bridge.

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Govt. of Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION FOR THE TOWN OF MADRAS, &c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 13th.

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G.O., 13th October 1874, No. 1727

OCTOBER.

Nos. 91-92.

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No. 2,083.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 4th August 1874.

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Exd. G. A. Turton.

1874.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 4TH AUGUST 1874, No. 2,083.

Encl.

Received

AUGUST.

No. 2,083.

Elphinstone Bridge—situated within limits of Madras Municipality.—President of Municipality requested to state on what grounds it is supposed that cost of repairs to — should be borne by Saidapet Local Fund Board.

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J Grose

Secretary.

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with Board's Proceedings, dated 4th August 1874, No. 2,083.
,, the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.
,, the President of the Local Fund Boards, Chingleput District.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Finl. 1874. Department

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 18TH SEPTEMBER 1874, No. 2,678.

Dept 24 Sept 1874

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SEPTEMBER.

No. 2,678.

Elphinstone Bridge.—Government requested to decide whether expense of maintaining—should be borne by Madras Municipality or Sydapet Local Fund Board.

Sir Thomas Read

With orders

Copies to Chief Engr 13 Oct 1874

To the Municipality Mr Stokes Mr Sydapet

Consider what the cost of repairs on Bridge would fall upon the Municipality

Copy to Chief Engr Madras

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

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To

The Presdt. Mund. Commrs.
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